IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 17-22, 25, 32, 40-42, 59, 62-63 and 96-98; and cancel clam 3, as set forth below:

1. (Currently amended) A <u>centralized</u> call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~ for providing call processing services to multiple prison facilities, comprising:

        a networking device connected via digital data links to call processing gateways at the multiple prison facilities <u>to collect first Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) data packets associated with calls from the multiple prison facilities and to distribute second VoIP data packets associated with the calls to the multiple prison facilities,</u> at least one of the multiple prison facilities located remotely from the call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~, each of the multiple prison facilities including multiple telephone terminals~~, the networking device receiving or sending data packets converted from or into call signals at the call processing gateways~~;

        an unauthorized call activity detection system connected to the networking device for detecting three-way call activity associated with ~~calls placed using~~ <u>the calls to or from</u> one or more of the multiple telephone terminals; and

        a call application management system connected to the networking device and the unauthorized call activity detection system for <u>at least</u> processing <u>the first VoIP data packets from the multiple prison facilities into first call signals</u> and transmitting the ~~calls from the multiple telephone terminals~~ <u>first call signals</u> to a first telephone carrier network<u>, the call application management system receiving second call signals from the first telephone carrier network and processing the second call signals into the second VoIP data packets for distribution to the multiple prison facilities by the networking device.</u>

2-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1, wherein said call processing gateways comprise voice over Internet protocol gateways.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1, wherein each of said call processing gateways provide at least one local area network interface for coupling with a computer workstation.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1, wherein said call application management system communicates with said first telephone carrier network using digital data packets.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1 further comprising a media gateway connected to the networking device for placing said calls on said first telephone carrier network using analog signals.

18. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1 further comprising a call recording system connected to said call application management system for recording the calls.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1 further comprising a billing system connected to said call application management system for providing real-time call accounting.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1 further comprising a validation system connected to said call application management system for authorizing connecting of said calls to said first telephone carrier network.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1 further comprising:
a justice application management system connected to the networking device for managing inmates at the multiple prison facilities; and
a commerce system for managing commissary orders placed by the inmates at the multiple prison facilities.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 20 further comprising: a call treatment system connected to the validation system for communicating with a signaling network of said first telephone carrier network to determine whether a call forwarding feature is activated for call numbers associated with the calls.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 21 wherein said justice application management system further provides investigative information with respect to said calls.

26-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1 further includes interactive voice response functionality for providing messaging associated with processing of the calls.

33-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises a SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) carrier.

41. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises a MGCP (Media Gateway Control Protocol) carrier.

42. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network).

43-58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A method for processing calls for multiple prison facilities, the method carried out in a call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~, the method comprising:
~~connecting with call processing gateways at the multiple prison facilities via digital data links~~ <u>collecting first Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) data packets associated with calls from the multiple prison facilities via digital data links</u>, at least one of the multiple prison facilities located remotely from the call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~, each of the multiple prison facilities

including multiple telephone terminals;

processing <u>the first VoIP data packets from the multiple prison facilities into call signals</u> ~~calls from the multiple telephone terminals received via call processing gateways~~ for transmission over a telephone carrier network; ~~and~~

<u>processing second call signals from the telephone carrier network into second VoIP data packets;</u>

detecting unauthorized three-way call activity associated with the calls<u>; and</u>

<u>distributing the second VoIP data packets associated with the calls to the multiple prison facilities via the digital data links</u>.

60-61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

coupling said call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~ to the telephone carrier network via an analog interface.

63. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

coupling said call processing <u>system</u> ~~platform~~ to the telephone carrier network via a digital interface.

64-70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

recording the calls from the multiple telephone terminals; and

analyzing content of the calls for particular utterances to determine presence of threats in the calls.

72-95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 1, wherein the call application management system is further configured to process and transmit ~~processing and transmitting the calls~~ first call signals from the multiple telephone terminals to a second telephone carrier network, the call application management system selecting either the first telephone carrier network or the second telephone carrier network to transmit the call signals ~~for transmission of the calls~~.

97. (Currently amended) The ~~platform~~ system of claim 96, wherein the call application management system establishes connection for the calls over the first telephone carrier network and switches to connection over the second telephone carrier network responsive to detecting a predetermined event.

98. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

selecting one telephone carrier network among multiple telephone carrier networks connected to the call processing system ~~platform~~ for processing and transmission of the calls responsive to receiving the calls from the multiple telephone terminals.